Fork Shoals Elementary

916 Pelzer Rd.

Pelzer, South Carolina 29669

Grades PK-5 Elementary School

Enrollment 631 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

2006

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

ABSOLUTE RATING

AVERAGE

Absolute Ratings of Elementary Schools with Students like Ours

Excellent Good Average Below Average Unsatisfactory

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IMPROVEMENT RATING

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ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS

NO

This school met 13 out of 15 objectives. The objectives included performance and participation of students in various groups.

Definition: As required by the United States Department of Education, Adequate Yearly Progress specifies that the statewide target is met for All Students and for the following subgroups: Racial/Ethnic, Subsidized Meals, Disability, and Limited English Proficiency.

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE GOAL

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

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PERFORMANCE TRENDS OVER 4-YEAR PERIOD							
	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress				
2003	Good	Good	No				
2004	Good	Unsatisfactory	Yes				
2005	Good	Unsatisfactory	Yes				
2006	Average	Unsatisfactory	No				

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

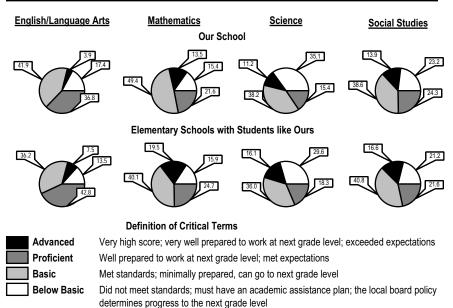
- Excellent School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- •Good School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Average School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Below Average School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Unsatisfactory School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal

PERCENT OF STUDENT PACT RECORDS MATCHED FOR PURPOSES OF COMPUTING IMPROVEMENT RATING

Percent of students tested in 2005-06 whose 2004-05 test scores were located.

91.2%

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT)



PACT PERFORMANCE BY GRO	OUP								
	Enrollment 1st	g/ _	% Below Basis) 		% Advanced	% Proficient and Advanced	Performance Objective	j / 5
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Engli	/ ish/Langua	ge Arts -	State Per		Objective	/ e = 38.2%			
All Students	281	94.7	15.5	42.0	38.4	4.1	57.1	Yes	Yes
Gender									
Male	147	94.6	20.6	41.3	34.1	4.0	51.6	N/A	N/A
Female	134	94.8	10.1	42.9	42.9	4.2	63.0	N/A	N/A
Racial/Ethnic Group									
White	227	96.0	13.5	42.0	41.1	3.4	60.9	Yes	Yes
African American	28	85.7	22.2	55.6	16.7	5.6	33.3	I/S	I/S
Asian/Pacific Islander	4	100.0	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S
Hispanic	15	86.7	54.5	27.3	9.1	9.1	18.2	I/S	I/S
American Indian/Alaskan	1	100.0	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	1/8
Disability Status									
Not Disabled	232	99.6	12.5	40.7	42.6	4.2	62.5	N/A	N/A
Disabled	49	71.4	37.9	51.7	6.9	3.4	17.2	I/S	No
Migrant Status									
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non-Migrant	281	94.7	15.5	42.0	38.4	4.1	57.1	N/A	N/A
English Proficiency									
Limited English Proficient	22	95.5	45.0	20.0	25.0	10.0	35.0	I/S	I/S
Non-Limited English Proficient	259	94.6	12.9	44.0	39.6	3.6	59.1	N/A	N/A
Socio-Economic Status									
Subsidized meals	117	93.2	23.4	44.7	28.7	3.2	46.8	Yes	Yes
Full-pay meals	164	95.7	10.6	40.4	44.4	4.6	63.6	N/A	N/A
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All Students	281	95.0	12.6	50.4	22.8	14.2	56.1	Yes	Yes
Gender	201	95.0	12.0	30.4	22.0	14.2	30.1	163	163
Male	147	94.6	11.1	48.4	24.6	15.9	58.7	N/A	N/A
Female	134	95.5	14.2	52.5	20.8	12.5	53.3	N/A	N/A
Racial/Ethnic Group	104	30.0	14.2	32.3	20.0	12.0	33.3	IN/A	14//
White	227	96.5	11.5	49.0	23.6	15.9	56.3	Yes	Yes
African American	28	82.1	29.4	58.8	11.8	0.0	35.3	I/S	1/8
Asian/Pacific Islander	4	100.0	1/S	1/S	I/S	I/S	1/S	I/S	1/5
Hispanic	15	93.3	16.7	58.3	16.7	8.3	58.3	I/S	1/8
American Indian/Alaskan	1	100.0	I/S	1/S	I/S	I/S	1/S	I/S	1/5
Disability Status		100.0	1/5	1/0	1/5	1/5	1/5	1/5	1/0
Not Disabled	232	100.0	10.6	50.2	24.0	15.2	59.9	N/A	N/A
Disabled	49	71.4	27.6	51.7	13.8	6.9	27.6	I/S	No
Migrant Status	73	/ 1+	21.0	51.7	10.0	0.3	21.0	1/3	INC
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non-Migrant	281	95.0	12.6	50.4	22.8	14.2	56.1	N/A	N/A
English Proficiency	201	30.0	12.0	30.4	22.0	14.2	30.1	IN/A	IN/P
Limited English Proficient	22	100.0	14.3	61.9	14.3	9.5	57.1	I/S	1/9
Non-Limited English Proficient	259	94.6	12.4	49.3	23.6	14.7	56.0	N/A	N/A
Socio-Economic Status	208	54.0	12.4	49.3	23.0	14.7	50.0	IN/A	IN/A
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Subsidized meals

Full-pay meals

18.8

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27.3

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Yes

PACT PERFORMANCE BY GROUP							
	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Below Basic	% Basic	% Proficient	% Advanced	% Proficient and Advanced
All Students	281	99.3	34.9	38.4	15.5	11.2	26.7
Gender							
Male	147	100.0	36.6	35.8	15.7	11.9	27.6
Female	134	98.5	33.1	41.1	15.3	10.5	25.8
Racial/Ethnic Group							
White	227	99.6	31.2	39.1	17.2	12.6	29.8
African American	28	100.0	59.1	31.8	4.5	4.5	9.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	4	100.0	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S
Hispanic	15	93.3	75.0	8.3	16.7	0.0	16.7
American Indian/Alaskan	1	100.0	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S
Disability Status							
Not Disabled	232	99.6	29.2	39.8	18.1	13.0	31.0
Disabled	49	98.0	64.3	31.0	2.4	2.4	4.8
Migrant Status							
Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non-Migrant	281	99.3	34.9	38.4	15.5	11.2	26.7
English Proficiency							
Limited English Proficient	22	95.5	50.0	45.0	5.0	0.0	5.0
Non-Limited English Proficient	259	99.6	33.6	37.8	16.4	12.2	28.6
Socio-Economic Status	200	00.0	00.0	01.0	10.1	12.2	20.0
Subsidized meals	117	98.3	48.0	39.0	9.0	4.0	13.0
Full-pay meals	164	100.0	26.6	38.0	19.6	15.8	35.4
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		Socia	l Studies				
All Students	281	98.9	22.6	38.9	24.5	14.0	38.5
Gender	201	30.3	22.0	00.0	24.0	14.0	00.0
Male	147	99.3	22.6	35.3	28.6	13.5	42.1
Female	134	98.5	22.6	42.7	20.0	14.5	34.7
Racial/Ethnic Group	104	30.3	22.0	72.1	20.2	14.5	J 4 .1
White	227	99.1	19.2	39.3	26.2	15.4	41.6
African American	28	100.0	40.9	36.4	13.6	9.1	22.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	4	100.0	1/S	1/S	13.0 1/S	1/S	1/S
Hispanic	15	93.3	66.7	16.7	16.7	0.0	16.7
American Indian/Alaskan	1	100.0	1/S	10.7 I/S	10.7 I/S	I/S	10.7 I/S
Disability Status	1	100.0	1/3	1/3	1/3	1/3	1/3
	222	00.6	10.1	20.0	26.0	16.0	43.1
Not Disabled	232	99.6 95.9	18.1 46.3	38.9 39.0	26.9	16.2	
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Disabled	49	90.9	10.0	00.0			
Migrant Status					N1/A	N1/A	NI/A
Migrant Status Migrant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Migrant Status Migrant Non-Migrant					N/A 24.5	N/A 14.0	N/A 38.5
Migrant Status Migrant Non-Migrant English Proficiency	N/A 281	N/A 98.9	N/A 22.6	N/A 38.9	24.5	14.0	38.5
Migrant Status Migrant Non-Migrant English Proficiency Limited English Proficient	N/A 281	N/A 98.9 95.5	N/A 22.6 40.0	N/A 38.9 45.0	24.5 15.0	0.0	38.5 15.0
Migrant Status Migrant Non-Migrant English Proficiency	N/A 281	N/A 98.9	N/A 22.6	N/A 38.9	24.5	14.0	38.5
Migrant Status Migrant Non-Migrant English Proficiency Limited English Proficient Non-Limited English Proficient	N/A 281	N/A 98.9 95.5	N/A 22.6 40.0	N/A 38.9 45.0	24.5 15.0	0.0	38.5 15.0

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			•	English/Lar	nguage Arts			
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	5 6	93 N/A	100.0 N/A	22.6 N/A	51.2 N/A	23.8 N/A	2.4 N/A	26.2 N/A
7	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
_	3	95	95.8	5.9	25.9	57.6	10.6	68.2
	4	86	95.3	14.9	47.3	36.5	1.4	37.8
ĕ	5	100	93.0	25.6	53.5	20.9	0.0	20.9
2	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
-	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	3	71	98.6	6.1	matics 40.9	24.2	28.8	53.0
	4	98	100.0	25.0	36.4	30.7	8.0	38.6
6	5	93	98.9	35.7	38.1	11.9	14.3	26.2
9	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	3	95	94.7	9.5	39.3	31.0	20.2	51.2
9	4	86	96.5	4.0	57.3	22.7	16.0	38.7
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	8	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A
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	3	71	98.6	13.6	36.4	30.3	19.7	50.0
	4	98	100.0	29.5	36.4	27.3	6.8	34.1
0	5	93	100.0	45.2	21.4	16.7	16.7	33.3
12	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	3	95	100.0	30.3	46.1	19.1	4.5	23.6
9	4	86	98.8	33.8	37.7	9.1	19.5	28.6
8_	5 6	100 N/A	99.0 N/A	40.2 N/A	31.5 N/A	17.4 N/A	10.9 N/A	28.3 N/A
7	7	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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	3	70	100.0	3.0	45.5	21.2	30.3	51.5
10	4	98	100.0	14.8	47.7	27.3	10.2	37.5
0	5	93	100.0	31.0	36.9	13.1	19.0	32.1
2	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	3	95	98.9	4.5	40.9	39.8	14.8	54.5
9	4	86	98.8	24.7	33.8	28.6	13.0	41.6
8	5 6	100 N/A	99.0 N/A	38.0 N/A	41.3 N/A	6.5 N/A	14.1 N/A	20.7 N/A
2	7	N/A	N/A N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A N/A	N/A
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SCHOOL PROFILE		,		
	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n= 631)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	Up from 98.2%	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	4.0%	Up from 3.8%	2.3%	2.8%
Attendance rate	96.0%	Up from 95.8%	96.5%	96.4%
Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	5.0%	Down from 7.3%	0.4%	0.0%
Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (Math) off grade level	5.0%	Up from 4.6%	0.4%	0.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	9.5%	Down from 18.3%	16.2%	10.4%
On academic plans	27.1%	N/AV	26.4%	33.6%
On academic probation	4.1%	N/AV	0.3%	1.0%
With disabilities other than speech	8.4%	Down from 11.9%	7.3%	7.5%
Older than usual for grade	0.8%	Down from 1.1%	0.5%	0.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n= 40)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	60.0%	Down from 62.2%	57.1%	53.8%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV		N/AV	N/AV
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.7%	N/A	2.3%	2.4%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	Down from 7.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year Teacher attendance rate	81.4% 96.3%	Down from 84.2% Up from 94.3%	89.4% 95.0%	87.3% 94.9%
Average teacher salary Prof. development days/teacher	\$40,396 12.2 days	Down 0.8% Up from 9.2 days	\$43,843 12.2 days	\$42,485 13.3 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 8.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.3 to 1	Up from 20.3 to 1	19.9 to 1	18.6 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.2%	Up from 88.7%	90.1%	89.7%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$5,268	Up 5.1%	\$6,278	\$6,557
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	67.0%	Up from 64.4%	64.2%	64.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	72.2%		69.0%	69.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
Parents attending conferences	99.0%	Down from 99.4%	99.0%	99.0%
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Character development * Prior year audited financial data are reported	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent

^{*} Prior year audited financial data are reported.

		Our District	State
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers		4.7%	6.2%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teach	3.9%	10.2%	
	Sta	te Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers in this school		0.0%	No
Student attendance in this school	94.		Yes

^{*}or greater than last year

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Fork Shoals School is an International Baccalaureate School that educates the whole child through a collaborative effort of home, school, and community. Student inquiry is the premise of our philosophy where the children take hold of their learning to gain knowledge. Our School Improvement Council, Parent Teacher Association, and Fork Shoals faculty strive to provide academic rigor as well as develop our children into responsible citizens.

Fork Shoals Schools has developed three goals to work towards over the next four years. We will raise the academic challenge and performance of each student as measured by the Palmetto Achievement Challenge Test. We will ensure quality personnel in all positions with highly qualified teachers in every classroom, and we will provide a school environment supportive of learning as rated by parents, teachers, and students on the state report card survey. Our goals are directly related to the district wide emphasis of raising the academic challenge and performance for each student. We measured these goals by evaluating student work, test scores, and analyzing parent, student, and teacher surveys.

The 2005-2006 school year is the fourth year of implementation of the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program. The IB philosophy focuses on an inquiry-based, student centered belief that integrates multiple subjects and points of view from other cultures to enhance and encourage a deeper understanding of ideas and perspectives. This philosophy demonstrates the innovative and collaborative efforts to drive academic improvement for all students through inquiry-based teaching aligned with rigorous learning standards. A narrative report card was developed this year to provide feedback to the parents on their children's social and emotional growth. The narrative report card accompanied the academic report card each quarter. The students are involved in research and using technology to find and/or present information. The teachers continue to attend additional training with the International Baccalaureate Organization. Teachers continue to benchmark other schools engaging in inquiry-based teaching in order to improve the execution of the Primary Years Program.

Fork Shoals will continue to implement the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program during the 2006-2007 school year. This guided inquiry-based program combines high academic expectations with problem-solving skills. The program seeks to develop a more fully developed, culturally aware, and educationally empowered student. Teachers will continue to develop their plans of inquiry and attend staff development. Clearly, we are progressing toward providing our students a world-class education.

Mark Palmquist, SIC Chair Christopher Ross, Principal

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS, STUDENTS, AND PARENTS			
	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	40	97	65
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.5%	92.6%	93.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	92.8%	95.4%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	89.7%	92.3%

^{*}Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.